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C O N F I D E N T I A L GEORGETOWN 0179

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: CUBAN REFUELING BASE AT TIMEHRI

REF: A) PORT OF SPAIN 192, B) GEORGETOWN 165 AND PREVIOUS

1. LOCA TEXACO BRANCH MANAGER CONFIRMED TO EMBOFF AFTERNOON
JANUARY 27 FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON CUBAN REFUELING ACTIVITIES AT
TIMEHRI AIRPORT:

A) CUBANS HAVE OFFLOADED FROM CUBAN SHIP 10 DE OCTUBRE AND
ARE INSTALLING TWELVE FUEL TANKS OF APPROXIMATELY 10,000
GALLON CAPACITY EACH AT GDF COMPOUND ADJACENT TO AIRPORT.

B) TWO TANKER TRUCKS HAVE BEEN OFFLOADED, EACH HAVING CAPACITY OF
THREE TO FOUR THOUSAND GALLONS.

C) HE UNDERSTANDS CABINET MEETING JAN 27 DECIDING WHETHER AND HOW
TO PUBLICIZE OPERATION, SINCE IT IS BY NOW A FAVORITE TOPIC OF LOCAL
RUM SHOP CONVERSATION AND HENCE WIDELY KNOWN.

2. COMMENT: TEXACO MANAGER HAS BEEN SENDING DAILY REPORTS ON
SUBJECT TO HEAD OFFICE IN PORT OF SPAIN, AND THUS IS SOURCE OF
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REFTEL (A) INFO. MANAGER ALSO NOTED THAT ON 23 JANUARY WHEN

CUBANA AIRCRAFT (#699) LANDED TIMEHRI, PILOT REQUESTED REFUELING FROM TEXACO, BUT DID NOT RPT NOT OBJECT WHEN TEXACO REFUSED TO ACCOMMODATE. IT NOW SEEMS HIGHLY PROBABLE THAT CUBANS AND GUYANESE BEGAN PLANNING REFUELING ARRANGEMENT IMMEDIATELY AFTER DECEMBER 23 WHEN TEXACO DECLINED TO RENDER FURTHER SERVICE, IF NOT EARLIER.
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